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**TEBBETTS MISSOURI**

**A thriving little city on  
the North bank of the  
"big muddy"**

**Made up of good people  
who are hustlers, but  
conservative in business.  
And a people whom one  
enjoys in a social way.**

By a business  
engagement we had the  
pleasure of visiting the  
thriving city of Tebbetts in  
the south part of this county  
last week.

Tebbetts is located in the  
central southern part of the  
county on the M.K.&T.  
Railroad and within a mile  
of the Missouri river. The  
town is built partly in the  
bottom and on the romantic  
elevations which lie just  
north of the M.K.&T.

Tracks. Its citizenship is  
made up of a splendid class  
of people who are  
courteous and hustlers in  
their individual pursuits.

The town has more  
enterprising active people  
and fewer chronic loafers  
than any other town of its  
size in this state.

To have met the people  
of Tebbetts in a business

and social way means that  
one carries away a most  
pleasant memory of the  
time spent in the town.  
Tebbetts has a population  
of about 300 people most  
of whom own their homes  
and homes they have a  
right to feel proud of.

The town has but one  
church building which is  
owned by the Baptist, the  
building however is also  
used by the Methodist  
through the courtesy of the  
Baptist brethren. There on  
Sundays the people of the  
town go to render  
appropriate service unto the  
Lord. The town also has a  
two room school where the  
children are given the very  
best advantages in the way  
of primary education.

That Tebbetts is growing  
will be indicated by the  
improvements in the town  
and near by, in the past  
year. Arnold Meyer a nice  
six room house, F.L.

Humburg added to his  
home two rooms and a  
basement, W.A. Noland a  
large residence, Geo. Dunn  
has lately rebuilt and  
enlarged the Pearson  
property, Homer Chiles is  
just finishing a handsome  
residence just outside the  
city limits, there are other  
new buildings about which

we failed to learn the  
particulars.

That Tebbetts is a  
decidedly peacable place is  
shown in the fact that there  
is but one lawyer in the  
town and this dignitary of  
the law is known  
personally as Homer

Harris. While Mr. Harris  
has a good business, a very  
small part of his time is  
spent in handling suits  
between his neighbors.  
Contrary to the reputation  
of the average lawyer in  
the country town, Mr.  
Harris gives his time free  
in advising his neighbors  
to settle any little trouble  
which may come up out  
side of the legal process.

In spite of this unselfish  
practice Mr. Harris has  
become comfortably fixed  
in the past few years. He

has a nice home on six  
acres of the richest dirt in  
this county living just east  
of Tebbetts. Mr. Harris is  
one of those courteous  
whole souled gentlemen  
who cultivates a liberal  
degree of pride in his town  
and people and is ever  
ready to show a stranger  
visiting the town -y favor  
at him carem-d.

The visitor going into  
Tebbetts will naturally first  
come in contact with the

post master. This genial gentleman responds politely to the name of A.F. Hafner. Besides being the p.m. he is also a general merchant in the town. Mr. Hafner has an array of dry goods, shoes, hardware, groceries, millinery, clothing and hats which would do credit to a much larger town. His store is kept neat, orderly and has an up-to-datiness which shows a commendable spirit of enterprise on the part of its owner. The millinery department in Mr. Hafner's store is presided by Mrs. Hafner who is a lady of more than ordinary business ability and one of very pleasing address. In looking over the remnants of the spring stock we were convinced the most fastidious tastes could be supplied from the store on very short notice. Under the management of Mrs. Hafner, the millinery department has grown remarkably larger with recurring seasons. Mr. Hafner besides being post master and general merchant is also a dealer of real estate. He informs the Journal man that he had a nice list of fine farms for sale. Mr. And Mrs. Hafner own their place of business and a nice home. They are therefore substantial citizens from a business

standpoint. Another important factor in this store is F.M. Hafner the polite and accomodating young assistant post master, who has grown up in Tebbetts from a bare footed boy to an active young man with a business ability which makes him a valued associate in the office and store.

Going east from the Hafner store the visitor next comes to a neat modern brick business house which is owned by one of Callaway's solid commercial institutions the bank of Tebbetts. This bank though a young concern is already rated capital stock of \$10,000 and present deposits is a little over \$11,000. The officers of the bank are: B.F. Chiles president and W.H. Hord cashier. The following well known and conservative gentlemen are the directors: F.O. Jones, R.W. Farmer, G.A. Rauschellbach, F.B. Bryan, J.H. Elly, W.R. Hord, and B.F. Chiles.

On further past is the big general store of that enterprising firm of Hord and Sneathen. Here we find supplies for mankind for almost every department of life. Nearly all that belongs to a first class department store can be found on counters and

shelves in the store of Hord and Sneathen. The store is well arranged and the stock looked fresh, clean and attractive. These gentlemen are usually quite busy looking after their big local trade. We have but a slight acquaintance with

Mr. Hord the senior member of the firm but we were impressed with the opinion that he is a safe conservative business man who has and lives up to his ideals as to the mode of conducting a business concern. Mr. Sneathen the junior member is a man whom you will like for his generous, open frank demeanor within and without the pale of business. Like his father N.F. Sneathen, he was born with optimistic views and a generous strain of blood which impells him to extend a helping hand and an encouraging word to his fellowman. Sam as he is familiarly known in Tebbetts is deservedly popular with the entire population. After taking a careful view of the —keep of -----tratingly predics a ----- business.

Up in the North part of town is located the typical village blacksmith in the person of Louis F. Humburg we say typical because he knows every

body for miles around the town and is a favorite with the crowd which visit his busy whop each day. Mr. Humburg does all kind of blacksmithing and repair work. As an evidence that he does his work well his large patronage keeps the sparks flying from early morning until late at night. In fact Mr. Humburg's shop is as busy a place as one will find anywhere. Beside his blacksmithing business he handles farm machinery, buggies and wagons in a large —. His business has grown from a small begining until he finds it all and more than he can handle. Mr. Humburg and his excellant wife own and elegantly finished home which they have acquired with business taot and honest toil. Being thus cozily fixed those excellant people are counted among the permanent citizens of their town.

Upon a higher elevation further north the weary traveler finds a real oasis in life's journey on reaching the Braham house. This popular stoping place is owned and conducted by Mr. And Mrs. Thomas Braham. Tom who one of our school day chums, spends most of his time in agricultural pursuits while his estimable wife looks after the tavern business.

To say that Mrs. Braham is an exceptionally good hotel keeper does not do her full justice. As a culinary artist she is up to the best for when she spreads a meal it is a foregone conclusion that every boarder at the table will do that subject more than justice. When you are directed to your room at night you fine a bed after man's own heart a veritable hiding place from life's care where slumber comes almost unbidden.

In the west part of town is an other important feature to the traveling public, which is, J.W. Smith's livery and feed stable. With the uncertainty of railway time tables, Mr. Smith is ever ready to cater to the wants of the public with first class rigs and trusty drives.

He makes a specialty of looking after commercial trade. But in order to look after this trade he does not neglect the local patronage to his business. If

Callaway has a more clever and accomadating man than William Smith we have yet to meet that man.

His service is of the best while his charges are very moderate. While Mr. Smith is looking after his stable Mrs. Smith is codudting one of the best hotels in Missouri. The Smith hotel is located on

the south side of the track and is esspecially convenient to the traveling public. Mrs. Smith has associated with her Miss Florence Grifhiin.

Both these ladies are proficient as home keepers and entertainers and thus the Smith house is a most enjoyable and home like place to stop.

Perhaps the largest individual business in Tebbetts is that of Mr. Arnold Meyer the lumber dealer. Mr. Meyer is one of the largest lumber dealers in the country. He also carries large lines in lime, cement, builders hardware, garden and field wire fencing, wall paper and mouldings. He is one of the largest prop0ery holders in the town —ing

----- building and that lumber--- -- and grounds. Mr. Meyer has built up his extensive business by low prices courteous treatment to his patrons an by giving the best goods on the market for the money. The presence of Mr. Meyer and his line of business means much in the way of commercial value to the town of Tebbetts.

Personally Mr. Meyer is a modest unassuming man yet he is cordial and conversationalist of more than ordinary merit, one of

his best characteristics is that he is a fighter and worker for anything that promises to benefit his \_\_\_\_.

But the man to whom all the town builders must turn in Tebbetts is W.H.

Ruebeling the contractor and builder . Mr.

Ruebeling's handy work can be seen nearly all the handsome residences which gives Tebbetts and air of city appearance. He has been associat4ed with the building of nearly all the residences erected in the past 15 years which dates back to the beginning of the town. Mr. Reubeling and his excelent companion like many other good people in Tebbetts own a splendid home which has come to them through honest labor.

They stand well with the people fo the town and are counted as valued citizens.

There is another business in this town which adds very materially to its commercial resources namely the M.K. & T.

Gumbo works where the river bottom gumbo is reduced to a kind of brick balasting the katy road bed.

These works employ from 25 to 30 men at a daily wage scale ranging from \$1.75 to \$3.00 per day, with a superintendent who gets a salary of \$125.00 per month, most of this money is spent with merchants and

boarding homes in the town.

The happy smooth faced men you meet in Tebbetts wear a look of satisfaction when they say John Whyte the genial knight of the razor does the barbering in his neat shop next door to Hord and Sneathen's store. Mr. Whyte has the business all to himself but he takes good care of the trade. In our short stay in Tebbetts this is almost all we had time to find out.